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SUBJECT: AD HOC GROUP ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
MEMBER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY DRAFT NOTE ON 5 PROBLEM
AREAS TO BE TAKEN UP BY AD HOC GROUP WHICH WAS CIRCULATED
AT XCSS MEETING JUNE 11. NOTE WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN
DETAIL AND IT WILL BE REDRAFTED AND EXPANDED BY SECRE-
TARIAT. BEGIN TEXT:

(TITLE) SELECTED ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE AD HOC
HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER
COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

(A) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

(I) INCREASED FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR
STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. (SCOPE FOR GREATER
EFFORTS BY DONORS, INCLUDING OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES,
AND USE OF MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHANNELING AND
COORDINATING RESOURCE FLOWS: PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FUND
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FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WORLD FOOD COUNCIL,

CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT);

(II) PROBLEMS OF ENSURING GREATER WORLD FOOD SECURITY WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES. (MEASURES TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE FOOD SECURITY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY THE NORTH/SOUTH GROUP?)

DAC HIGH LEVEL MEETING SHOULD GIVE CLEAR INDICATION OF SCOPE FOR POSITIVE NEAR-TERM ACTION.

(B) COMMODITIES

COMMODITY PROBLEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES.

THE GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL, THEREFORE, RELY ON THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE OTHER BODY. THERE ARE CLOSE INTERRELATIONS WITH POLICY ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE NORTH/SOUTH GROUP, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES (E.G. FINANCING OF INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS AND OF BUFFER STOCKS) WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

(C) ACCESS TO WORLD MARKETS FOR PROCESSED AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

- (I) IMPROVEMENT OF GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES:
- ENLARGED COVERAGE (WHICH PRODUCTS?);
 - DURATION;
 - SPECIAL EFFORTS FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES?

(II) MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND POSSIBLY NEW ORIENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION.)

- ACTION ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
- DIFFERENTIATION ACCORDING TO STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

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MENT.

(III) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEMS OF "STAND-STILL" AND SAFEGUARDS (SPECIAL TREATMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PRIOR CONSULTATIONS; INTERRELATION WITH PROBLEMS OF STRUCTURAL POLICIES.

GROUP SHOULD TAKE STOCK OF ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS,

IDENTIFY THE NATURE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAMPER
PROGRESS AND OUTLINE AREAS WHERE FRESH AND MORE FORTH-
COMING APPROACHES WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

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(D) INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

(I) MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRIALIZATION OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

- SCOPE FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON STRENGTHENING THEIR INDUSTRIAL
CAPACITY;
- IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS FOR TECHNOLOGICAL AND
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION;
- NEW FORMS OF COMBINING INVESTMENT FINANCING,
MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY.

(II) SUPPORTING STRUCTURAL, REGIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT
POLICIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.

SOME OF THESE ISSUES RAISE DIFFICULT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.
IN PARTICULAR AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE
AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT ACTION IS POSSIBLE. SOME
CLARIFICATION IS REQUIRED ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH
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OTHER OECD BODIES COULD MAKE.

(E) TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

(I) SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE LOW-INCOME AND MOST-
SERIOUSLY-AFFECTED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING GEOGRAPHIC
ORIENTATION OF AID);

(II) SCOPE FOR INCREASED AND IMPROVED OFFICIAL
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING REVIEW OF MULTILATERAL
INITIATIVES);

(III) ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS (REMOVAL OF REMAINING
RESTRICTIONS, SCOPE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS AND
NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, COOPERATION WITH OIL-
PRODUCING CAPITAL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES);

(IV) DEBT PROBLEMS (IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL SURVEIL-
LANCE, DEBT RELIEF FOR MOST-SERIOUSLY-AFFECTED COUN-
TRIES);

(V) POSSIBLE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE INTERNATIONAL
INVESTMENT CLIMATE (INTERRELATION WITH INDUSTRIAL AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION).

THOSE ISSUES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DAC. IT SHOULD
PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR INCREASING AID
LEVELS AND THE GOVERNMENT ACTION REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE
IMPROVED PERFORMANCE. AID PRIORITIES MUST ALSO BE SEEN
IN RELATION TO WHAT ACTION IS POSSIBLE OR NOT POSSIBLE
IN OTHER POLICY AREAS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXTENT
TO WHICH DIFFERENT TYPES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE
LIKELY TO BENEFIT. END TEXT.
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